

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 16-21 were previously withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 13 and 15 have been allowed. Claims 3, 4, 6, 8-12, 14 and 22 are rejected.

By the amendments herein, claims 3, 4, 6, 8-12, 14 and 16-22 have been canceled. Accordingly, applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance.

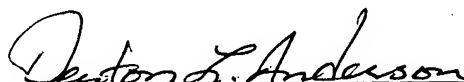
The examiner is respectfully requested to enter these amendments. No additional searching is required by these amendments and the amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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